

## Message Text

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R 171800Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1828  
AMEMBASSY LA PAZ  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
AMEMBASSY MANILA

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 20514

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, PE, KE, PE  
SUBJECT: OUTSTANDING ITALIAN QUERIES RE APC SALES TO THIRD  
COUNTRIES

REF: (A) 75 ROME 5653, (NOTAL) (B) 75 ROME 9158, (NOTAL)  
(C) ROME 6764 (NOTAL)

1. AS YET ANOTHER YEAR BEGINS TO SLIP OVER THE TIME-WARP, THE EMBASSY AGAIN REQUESTS RESPONSES TO LONG-STANDING (REFS. A & B) ITALIAN REQUESTS FOR USG APPROVAL OF M-113 APC SALES TO THE PHILIPPINES, KENYA AND PERU. THE PROPOSED ITALIAN SELLER, OTO-MELARA, STILL INQUIRES REGULARLY AS TO USG ATTITUDE ON THESE PROPOSED SALES. (A SIMILAR REQUEST IN REF. B FOR SALES TO VOLIVIA HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION.)
  2. GIVEN PERIOD LAPSED SINCE ORIGINAL REQUEST, EMBASSIS MAY WISH TO CONFIRM OR DENY TO DEPARTMENT, PRIOR TO ITS DECISION, WHETHER THE THREEE GOVERNMENTS ARE INTERESTED AT THIS POINT IN PURSUING THESE PUSCHASES.
  3. THIS EMBASSY IS NOT PUSHING FOR EITHER AN
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AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE DECISION ON THESE CASES. WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT THE DELAY TO DATE HAS BEEN UNCONSCIONABLE AND THAT WE OWE INTERIM REPLIES AT THE VERY LEAST. BEAUDRY

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